Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace paragraph 10 with the following amended paragraph:

--Fig. 1 is a block diagram that illustrates an example embodiment of the physical architecture of the present invention. Files, e.g. hierarchically structured documents <u>of a database stored in a memory</u>, may be provided in a computer environment for shared use by multiple users. The files may be presented as transaction documents. For example, a document may be a contract document in which, during a series of inter-party communications, at least two parties negotiate and change terms within the document.--.